HIGH-RANKING U.S. MILITARY VISITED NATO EXERCISE IN UNITED STATES

FORT POLK, Lousiana, Aug. 12, BNS - On Friday, Chief of Staff of the U.S. Armed Forces Gen. Dennis J. Reimer and Army Vice-Secretary Joe R. Reeder visited the troops taking part in Cooperative Nugget '95 being held at Fort Polk, Louisiana. Lt. Raimundas Ivanauskas, commander of the Lithuanian platoon in Folk Polk, told BNS that situations which the troops had to experience in this exercise were very similar to real ones in Croatia.

A contrast was obvious between the actions of soldiers trained in the spirit of different defense doctrines. For example, U.S. observers were shocked by future Kyrgyz peacekeepers' question as to what they should do with a detained fugitive - shoot him on the spot or first ask the chief of staff's permission. The closing ceremony of the exercise is set for Aug. 26.

JOINT LITHUANIAN-AMERICAN MILITARY EXERCISES BEGIN

VILNIUS, Aug 16, BNS - 66 Lithuanian and 11 American soldiers will participate in "Amber Ravine - 95" military exercises to be held Aug 20-24 at the Rukla base in Jonava region. The American soldiers under the command of Captain Peter Gorky arrived at the base in Rukla last week. On Wednesday a three-day instruction program started, during which the American soldiers will familiarize the Lithuanian platoon under the command of Lieutenant Juozas Kacergis with the basic principles of United Nations' peace-keeping forces.